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Application of: Denise L. Faustman

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REJECTION

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued October 9, 2002, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement of restriction for the reasons set forth below. A petition for a one-month extension of time is filed concurrently herewith under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), together with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1), making the new response deadline December 9, 2002.

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action at page 2, the Examiner has presented a four-way restriction of Applicant's invention, as between:

- I. Claims 1-14, drawn to a method for inhibiting a mammalian donor tissue rejection comprising *in vivo* transplantation of a mammalian donor tissue treated with an enzyme;
- II. Claims 15-23, drawn to a method of making a mammalian donor tissue suitable for transplantation by treating the tissue with papain;
- III. Claims 24-26, drawn to a mammalian tissue treated with enzyme;
- IV. Claims 27-37, drawn to a transplantation pack comprising an untreated donor tissue suitable for transplantation and an enzyme solution.

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